

CONGRESSMAN PIERLUISI PRESENTS HIS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO PRESIDENT OBAMA DURING THE 5TH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS Sunday, April 19, 2009

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO- Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi shared details last night of his legislative agenda with President Barack Obama, who was very receptive to his ideas.

"In my conversation with the President, I expressed that I felt honored to be able to represent Puerto Rico in the 5th Summit of the Americas, and continue to be part of this new era of change under his leadership.

I also took this opportunity to tell him that I will be presenting a bill in order for the people of Puerto Rico to express their feelings regarding the political status of the island," said Congressman Pierluisi.

"Barack Obama reaffirmed the commitments that he had made to me regarding Puerto Rico," Pierluisi added.

The meeting with President Obama took place last night, along with seven other congressmen, including Elliot Engel, chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, who led the delegation. Pierluisi was satisfied with the outcome of the fifth Summit of the Americas.

"President Obama achieved his goal. A new era began in the relations among the nations of this hemisphere, an era in which the United States does not seek to dictate the agenda of its peers, but rather join them to solve common problems that afflict the people of the continent: inequality, poverty, global warming, environmental preservation, energy costs, and human rights," expressed Congressman Pierluisi.

During the events at the Summit, the Resident Commissioner had the opportunity to meet with 14 heads of state including: Argentina, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Chile, El Salvador, Panama,

Chile, Uruguay, Honduras, Ecuador, Haiti, Paraguay and Guatemala.

Pierluisi also met with Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Jose Miguel Insulza.

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